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ROTC

## It's official: Army will eliminate College's program

Langan hopes to complete cadets' training through intensifying classes this semester

By CHAD HAYWORTH

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Despite the efforts of College officials, Missouri Southern's ROTC program will be eliminated.

Maj. Ervin Langan, who heads the program, said the lack of commissionees and an overall

down-sizing of the military spelled doom for the program.

"We don't want to close down the program," he said. "But we have not met our mission. Our job now is to help the kids who are currently in the program."

Southern has commissioned 44 officers since 1987, but only nine in the last four years. The

Army requires six commissionees per year. Currently, there are 17 students under contractual obligation to the Army, and Langan said all of those in the Military Science Classes 3 and 4 would have their military science classes intensified to allow them to finish at Southern.

"We're trying to compress two semesters into one," he said. "They are taking six hours of military science classes instead of three."

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this summer, and the others in the cadre will be reassigned to other duties.

The ROTC, who had moved into new facilities last semester, will vacate them by the end of May, Langan said. It is unclear what the College will do with the newly-renovated MSTV studios.

Meanwhile, Langan said he and his staff are concentrating on the students in the program.

"All we want to do is help out our kids in any way we can," he said.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

6 finalists in running for VP post

By JOHN HACKER

SENIOR EDITOR

The College's search for a new vice president for academic affairs has narrowed from 165 applicants to six finalists.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said the committee charged with finding a replacement for Dr. Robert Brown had agreed on six finalists and was preparing to start the interview process.

Brown resigned the position last year to become president of Arkansas Tech University.

The six finalists are James Cicarelli, dean of business at Youngstown State University in Ohio; Gary Peer, vice president for academic affairs at Adams State University in Colorado; Larry Landis, vice president for academic affairs at Black Hills State University in South Dakota; Robert Hegglund, dean of professional studies at Angelo State University in Texas; Mark Wasicsko, vice president for academic affairs at Texas Wesleyan University; and an unnamed individual who is vice president for academic affairs at a private school in North Carolina.

Tiede said he would not release the name of the last finalist at that person's request.

"Apparently the only one who knows anything about [this person applying for this job] is the president [of the institution they work at now]," he said. "They would prefer to keep that way for now."

Tiede said the next step is to set a date to bring the finalists to Southern for interviews.

"These are all busy people, but I would like to get everyone in by spring break," he said.

The original target for choosing a replacement for Brown was March 1, but that has been pushed back to April 1.

"I probably had an ambitious schedule [for the committee]," Tiede said. "I also didn't realize what effect the Christmas holiday would have on the process."

He said he hopes to include the Faculty Senate in the interview process, but probably not the Student Senate.

"I was going to ask the Faculty Senate executive committee to meet with the candidates," he said. "We thought about including the Student Senate, but this is more an academic position."

"If we were looking for a vice president for student services, then maybe [we would include them]."



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Volunteer caller Teri May, senior nursing major, talks to a donor during last night's Phon-A-Thon. The Phon-A-Thon ends Feb. 17.

PHON-A-THON

## Cold weather helps drive top \$111,000

Volunteer callers able to reach donors at home

By ERIN HOLLAND

ARTS EDITOR

Following kick-off ceremonies Sunday, the Missouri Southern Foundation seems to be well on its way to its goal of \$175,000.

At the end of calling last night, the Phon-A-Thon had raised \$111,690.50.

"We are real pleased so far," said Sue Billingsly, foundation director. "Everything is going better than we thought."

When the first round of volunteer callers arrived Monday, \$51,392 had been received from preliminary donations. Special guest callers raised \$2,312 during Sunday's ceremonies.

"Last night (Tuesday) was a good night," Billingsly said. "It was cold so a lot of people were at home. We reached a lot of them."

Yesterday, callers from the women's basketball team and nursing department raised \$13,497.

Jennifer Charleston, senior criminal justice major, said she made about 20 calls.

"Not a lot of people were at home," Charleston said. "But everybody [who was home] was really friendly. I think I made

about \$150, most in \$25 or \$10 donations."

Teresa McLaury, sophomore criminal justice major, had better luck. She said she made more than 200 calls between 5:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., collecting approximately \$600 in pledges.

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TAYLOR AUDITORIUM

## Senate restores \$201,000

### Building needs new lighting, sound systems

By T.R. HANRAHAN

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Money previously denied may be on its way for improvements to Taylor Auditorium.

Funding for a new lighting and sound system for Taylor Auditorium—\$201,000 worth—was approved by the Senate appropriation committee Tuesday.

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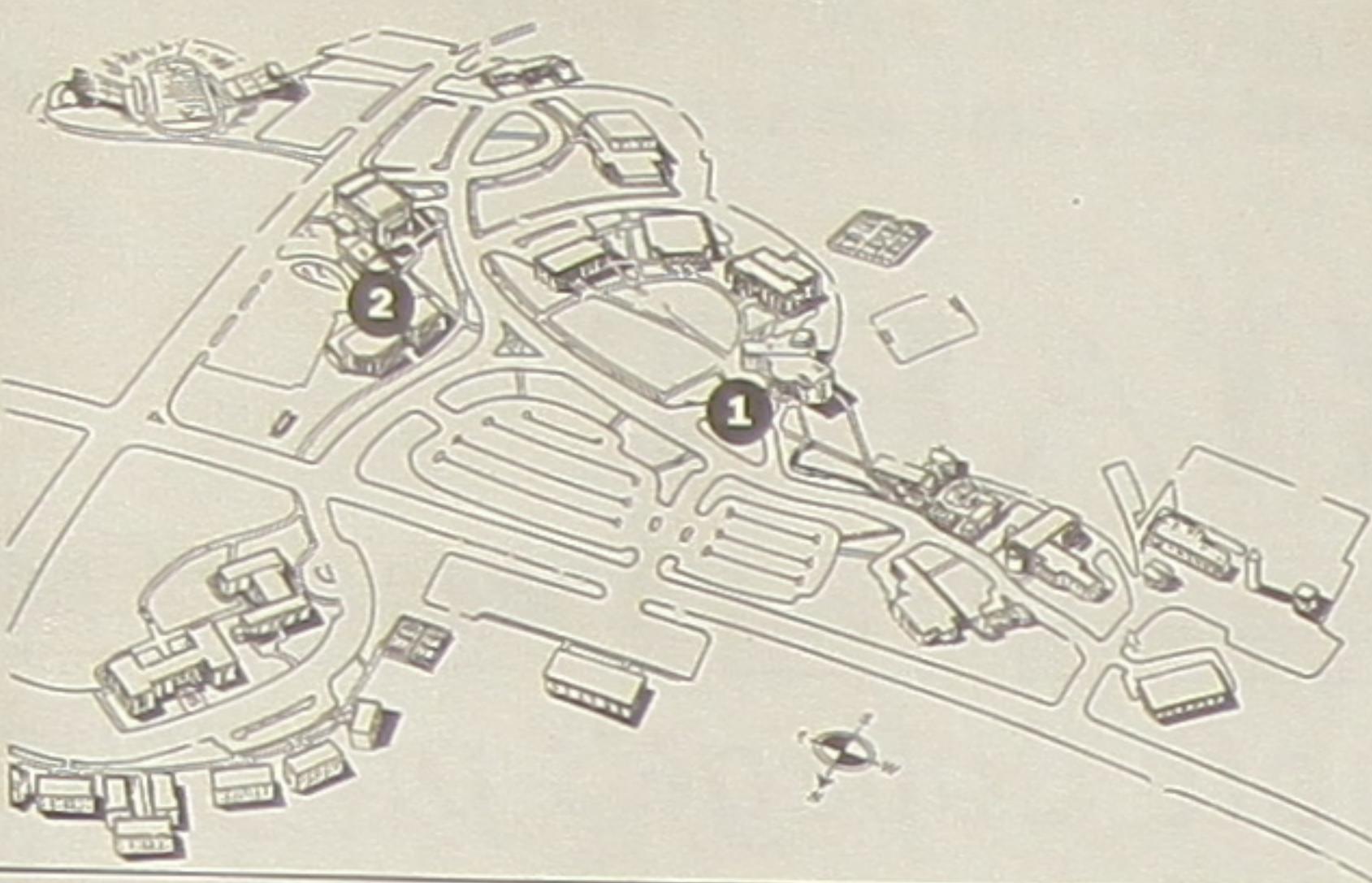
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**CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT**

1 02/07/94 LOT 7 1:00 P.M. A college street sweeper, ran by Jerry Springer, swerved to miss a passing vehicle and hit Russell Phillips' car.

2 02/08/94 WEBSTER HALL 9:15 A.M. Security answered the call of a student who sprained her ankle by slipping on an icy step outside the east door of the building.

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**STUDENT SENATE****Group looks at constitution**

By PAULA SMITH

CAMPUS EDITOR

Recent events have prompted the Student Senate to reexamine its constitution.

The Senate reformed its constitution committee last night to discuss "a few provisions we need to look into," said Cami Davy, Senate president.

A constitution committee was used to make a number of adjustments to the document last spring.

Three allocations were also made during the meeting last night.

World Issues for Study by Educators (WISE) was allocated \$1,000 for a trip to Santa Fe, N.M., April 12-17.

"We're going there to learn about a different culture," said Debra Baker, senior senator.

The Senate allocated \$1,000 to the Student Council for Exceptional Children to attend its spring conference in St. Louis.

"It's a great experience for anyone going into special education," said Connie Middleton, junior education major and president of the club.

Psi Chi was allocated \$1,000 to attend the Great Plains Convention in Kansas City from Feb. 17-20.

In other business, Brian Rash, treasurer, announced that \$9,100 was added to the Senate's treasury from the student activity fees. The treasury balance stood at \$11,480.66 before the allocations were

made last night.

Rob Lundien, senior music education major, was appointed to fill a senator vacancy.

"I'd like to help be the voice of the students and make decisions that will affect the student body," Lundien said.

Andrew Adams, freshman elementary education major, appeared before the Senate to be considered for the freshman vacancy. Two other students considered for the vacancy were not present at last night's meeting; thus, the freshman vacancy may be filled next week.

Paul Hood, senior senator and chair of the diversification committee, suggested the Senate create a "wall of achievement" to highlight this year's accomplishments.

**FACULTY SENATE****Members question MAFS 'agenda'**

By P.J. GRAHAM

MANAGING EDITOR

After the regular processes of the Faculty Senate meeting, members discussed the possibility of Missouri Southern becoming a member of the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates.

Of the 13 state-funded colleges and universities in the state, 10 have become members of the MAFS.

According to the association's constitution, the association has four purposes: strengthening the faculty component of college governance; to share information, concerns, and governance procedures; to provide leadership training; and to work with government agencies for the "betterment of higher education."

Discussion was tabled until the Senate's next meeting on Feb. 21.

"Take it back, discuss it with other faculty members, and see

how they feel about it," said Anita Singleton, Senate president.

Immediate opinions of the idea varied from member to member. Comments about the MAFS included those wanting to see interaction between the different faculty senates, those who were worried that the MAFS may support legislation and list all its members though the individual members may not support it, and those worried about "hidden agendas."

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# Dobson stepping up next to Gilbert

Pell applications, training to fill assistant's time

By SHERI SANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

Since becoming assistant to the director of financial aid in October, Cheryl Dobson has adjusted well to her new job. She has had plenty of background experience to make the transition smooth.

"I've been in the financial aid office since I began employment at Missouri Southern, and I was a financial aid counselor full-time," said Dobson, who has been at Southern for four years.



Dobson

Her responsibilities include training and taking charge of Pell Grant payments.

"I've done a lot of the training for the new financial aid counselors and secretaries," she said. "I also will be in charge of administering the direct loan program."

During the fall, 1,651 Southern students received nearly \$1.4 million in Pell Grants.

"As far as Pell Grants, the counselors actually award the grants and do all the preliminary work; what I do is keep charge of the payments for Pell Grants from the federal government to make sure we collect our money."

Students applying for a Pell Grant must either mail in a free application for federal student aid or set up an appointment to electronically enter it.

"They both produce the Student Aid Report [SAR],

which tells us the eligibility for the student's aid," Dobson said.

"We can normally get results to our students in two to three weeks. If they choose to mail them in, they can get them anywhere from two to six weeks, depending on the processing time, the peak period, things like that," she said.

Jim Gilbert, director of student financial aid, said the electronic system for filing Pell applications is extremely accurate and quick.

"We're trying to develop an integrated system in a decentralized environment that is capable of handling a diversity of problems, that is expedient and accurate, and user friendly," he said.

Electronic Pell Grant processing began Feb. 1. Students interested in filing their applications electronically must make an appointment through the financial aid office.

Gilbert said a factor in the speed an application is processed depends on whether a student has previously received aid.

"If we enter it under professional entry mode, and they're doing a renewal file, we can go through and change the edit fields in probably three to five minutes at the most, because everything from the previous year is already keyed into the computer," he said.

Dobson offered some guidelines for those who wish to use the electronic Pell system.

"Students have to have the free application for federal student aid form completely filled out, just as though they were going to mail it off," she said.

"That means parents' signatures if they are dependent, or spouses' signatures, and they have to bring copies of the tax returns that they used to fill out the form," she said.

## HITTING ROCK-BOTTOM



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Jerry Bird, of Freddy Van's Drilling, drills holes to determine the depth of the bedrock where the new student life center will be built.

## Simpson planning sabbatical next year

By SHERI SANDERS

STAFF WRITER

And gladly would he learn; and gladly teach." Dr. Dale Simpson, associate professor of English, quotes this line from Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* while discussing the sabbatical he recently was awarded. His one-semester leave will be next spring.

Simpson had to submit an application for review by Southern's sabbatical committee to be considered for the honor.

"The sabbatical committee evaluates the proposals, and then they make their recom-

mendation," he said. "It ultimately winds up in the president's office, and then he takes it to the Board of Regents, who then approves it.

"You demonstrate that there's a really good reason for being on sabbatical, instead of just sleeping late every day."

Southern normally awards one sabbatical per year.

Dr. James Jackson, professor of biology and chair of the sabbatical committee, said Simpson was chosen because he proved to the committee in detail exactly what he wanted to accomplish.

"There were some really good applications, but the documen-

tation of what he was going to be doing was much more complete," Jackson said.

Simpson, who has taught at Southern since 1979, hopes to complete articles he has started as well as begin some new ones.

"In fact, there isn't a week that goes by that I don't think of at least another good thing to try to do on sabbatical," he said.

Simpson also wants to develop new ways for using electronic mail in teaching.

"We have this technology right here on campus, and there have been some experiments with students using E-mail to discuss things in the course with the

professor and others," he said. "I'm going to try to get in contact with people who have already done quite a bit of work in that."

Jackson says sabbaticals help professors grow academically.

"Sabbaticals do two things: they further the professional growth of the recipients, and they enhance the learning environment of the entire College," he said. "The information age is changing the level of knowledge so much that you have to continuously update yourself."

Simpson agrees.

"Sabbaticals are important for faculty members," he said.

"Granted, we are taking time off and we're not teaching. Sometimes, people can look at that, especially people in the public, and say, 'They're paying a person not to be around for three or four months.'

"But it refreshes the faculty member; it allows faculty members to finish or start work that they were not able to do while they were teaching."

"Ultimately, whether or not their sabbatical has anything to do with teaching, it makes them a more enthusiastic teacher and also probably brings more knowledge back into the courses they teach."

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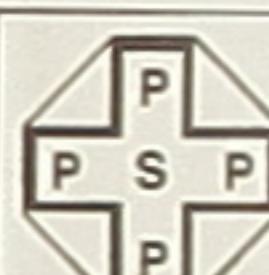
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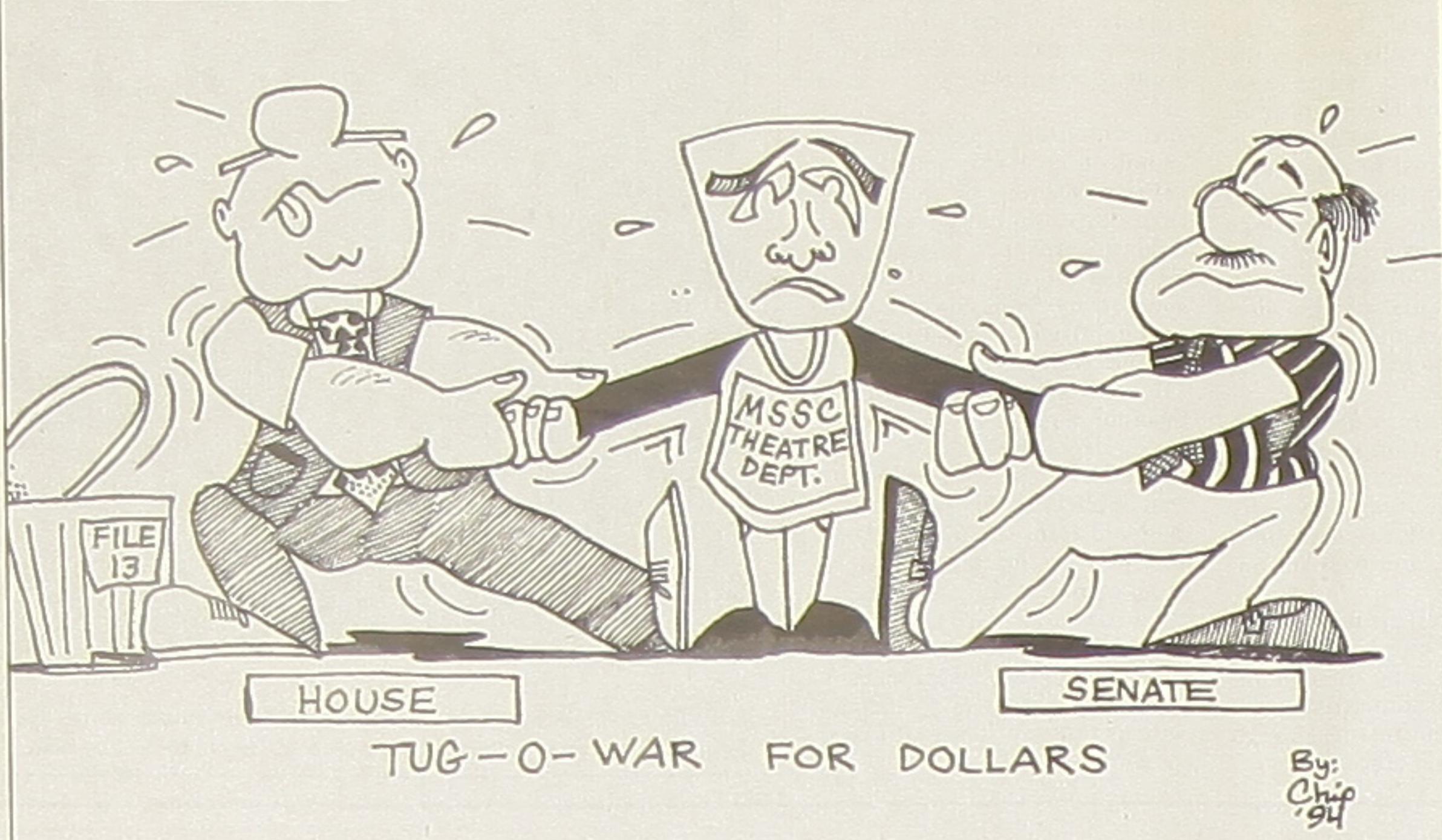


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## SPENCER'S SLANT



TUG-O-WAR FOR DOLLARS

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## OUR EDITORIALS

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## Tug-of-war: Despite the political infighting, Taylor deserves appropriation

Let's get a move on. When the Missouri Senate appropriation committee reinstated the funding for a renovation to the lighting and sound system in Taylor Auditorium, it undid the political pettiness put forth by their colleagues in the House.

It seems members of the House committee questioned the viability of the systems when they were first purchased more than 15 years ago. Regardless of the condition of the systems when they were new, they have become both outdated and a safety hazard for those who must work with them. The House committee seems to think that by punishing those who must utilize the decrepit system now, justice will be done.

Hardly.

Forcing Missouri Southern to continue to limp along with lighting and sound systems that are by

electronics standards dinosaurs, they only hurt the current students and faculty who put them to use.

Fortunately, Sen. Emory Melton (R-Cassville) has tried to put the dog and pony show behind us all. His motion to reinstate the appropriation has again set in motion the process to gain the financing for the renovation.

Surely the state of Missouri can afford the \$201,000 it would take to make Taylor a modern facility again. In the overall budget, \$201,000 is a drop in the bucket, and a new sound and lighting system would be worth every penny. However, the fate of the funding lies with a conference committee who must decide its destiny.

In the meanwhile, our esteemed elected representatives should quit fussing over a relatively minor amount of funding and get on to other, more important matters which surely lie ahead.

## So long: Despite College's last-ditch efforts, Southern's ROTC falls to budgetary ax

Vaya con dios, ROTC.

Despite the best efforts of College officials, the Army has dropped the other boot on Missouri Southern's struggling military science program. In the end, it seems we just couldn't muster the numbers to ensure ourselves a place in the post-Cold War military system.

It's not as if Maj. Ervin Langan and his cadre haven't tried. Despite the low numbers the past few years, the effort to recruit top-notch officer candidates has always been there. Unfortunately, effort rarely

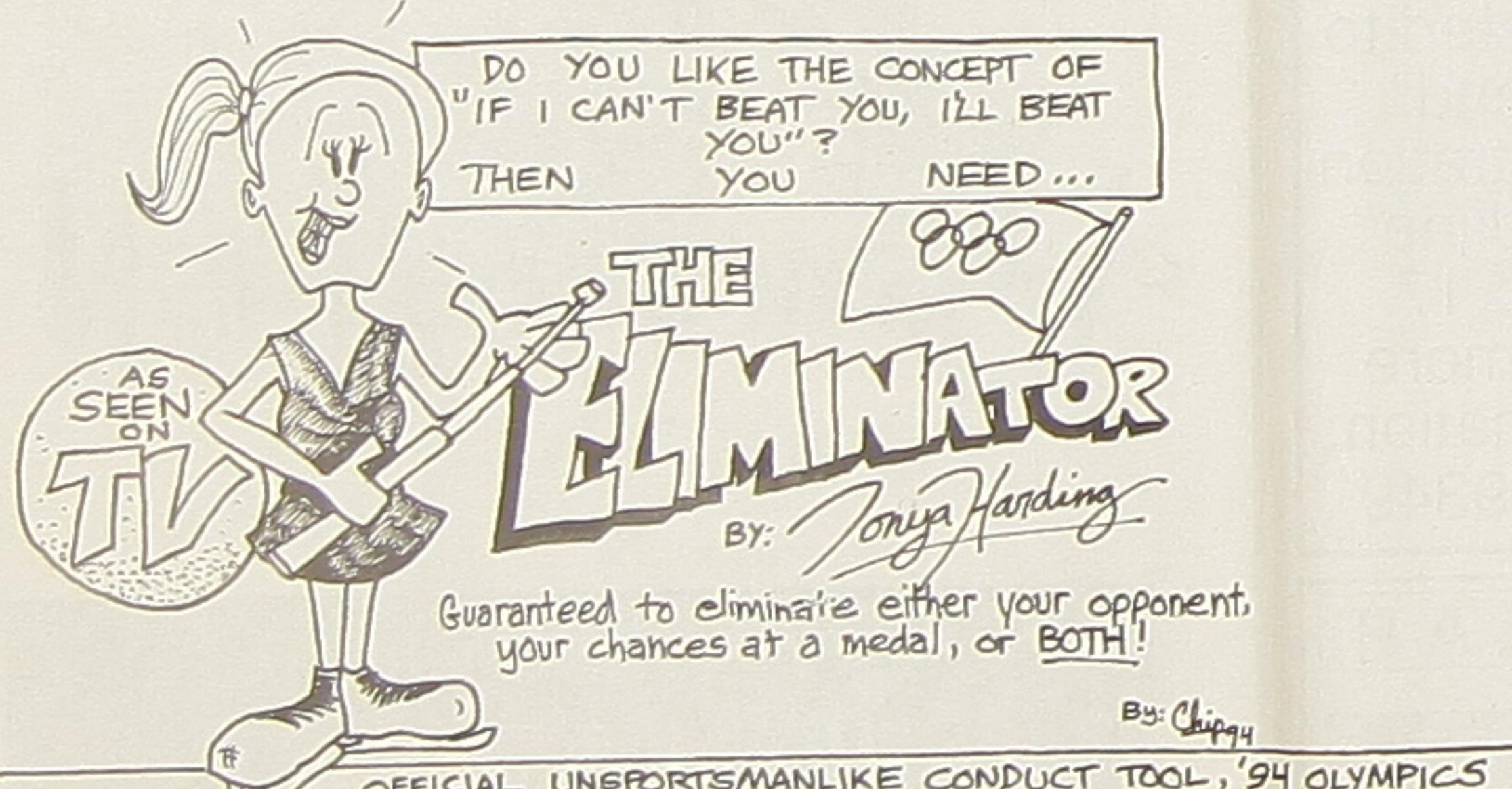
shows up on any fiscal bottom line.

What a shame.

The ROTC has always been a welcome member of the College community, even in times when ROTC programs across the country were being viewed with contempt and disdain. Considering their new facilities and the warm welcome

Southern has extended, it's no wonder Langan and his staff aren't too excited to be leaving.

Peace comes with a price, and unfortunately, Southern has to foot this bill.



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## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## The media blitzed

### The press takes a beating for doing its job

Most people desire to live and function in a warm, fuzzy little world where all is fine and the news is never anything but good. Well, here's a reality check: It doesn't work that way.

Case in point: While watching the evening news last week, the nightly "Skater-gate" story came on, and a non-journalist friend of mine exploded with disdain.



By Chad Hayworth  
Associate Editor

doing their job.

It happens close to home, too. The Chart gets hassled nearly every week because somebody doesn't like the coverage (or the lack of it) on a given event. I fully realize we don't get everything that happens on campus into the paper, and those who don't make it feel slighted.

We also take criticism for always looking for the bad.

As last week's staff editorial pointed out,

there are good things that happen here, and we report them, too.

We do report the wrongdoing, the unpleasant parts of our world, and the things that many would just as soon we ignore. But strangely, if we ignored those sordid events, the same people would look at us as simply propaganda purveyors for the College.

It is a fine line that we must walk in determining what to cover and how zealously to pursue the issue, and the potshots come from all sides, no matter the course of action we take.

Take the story about Bill Wallis, a student senator who was relieved of his duties. After the story of the Senate's action, he wanted a follow-up to explain his side of the story. We agreed, and ran his account of the events that led up to his dismissal.

Obviously that wasn't good enough for Wallis.

In a letter to the Student Senate last week, he "forgave" the Senate for excusing him, although it was simply doing its duty and following its constitution.

— Please turn to HAYWORTH, page 5

## IN PERSPECTIVE

## In the public eye

### Violence in sports should be no surprise

How many out there are as tired of this Tonya Harding/Nancy Kerrigan story as I am?

Maybe I'm tired of America's feigned surprise. So one skater is allegedly attacked as a means of elimination by a rival skater. Nancy cried "Why?" Are we really surprised by this act of violence?

Isn't violence in sports the rule anymore? In baseball the high inside

pitch demands immediate retaliation on the mound. Two track teams brawl after a track meet. A tennis player is stabbed by a fan of a rival player. Fights in basketball and football are no longer the exception. Hundreds of soccer fans are killed each year. Ice hockey is...well, you know. It is common for spectators at athletic events to be abusive and downright uncivil to each other, the participants, and the referees. Ice skating was long overdue. I guess golf is next.

Back to the question...should the attack on Nancy Kerrigan surprise us? Look at society today. Why should sports be any different?

Americans in their 40s and 50s were touched by the decade of the 1960s.



By Jon Lantz  
Head Football Coach

AGE: 41

BACKGROUND: Lantz, who led the Lions to their first MIAA title and NCAA post-season play last fall, is also an instructor of physical education.

country? Who are the makers? Who sets moral and ethical standards? Who generally influences our society and the youth thereof? These same people! They came to believe violence was normal and passed it on to the present generation. Except many today believe it is normal—and acceptable.

A woman cuts off her husband's penis. Children are abducted by strangers and killed for no apparent reason. Family violence is rampant. Fathers are gone. Random shootings occur with glaring frequency in our public places. Schools are battlegrounds. Rap singers laud the killing of others. Gangs are prevalent. People are killed in drive-by shootings.

— Please turn to LANTZ, page 5

## THE CHART

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LURIE'S BUSINESS WORLD



"This time we'll win in Vietnam!"

MOLLY IVINS

## People not accepting true solutions to crime

One of the weirder aspects of American politics is the number of issues that somehow become fraught with ideological or partisan zeal. Apparently intelligent people manage to work themselves into great snits of disagreement over the perfectly obvious. Crime is such an issue.

I base this opinion on 25 years of watching people in the Texas Legislature arrive as freshmen, usually baying for blood, elected to "git tuff on crime," lock 'em up, throw away the key, put 'em under the jail house and all that good stuff. You can put the most partisan law-n'-order zealots in Texas on any criminal justice committee, leave 'em there for a couple of sessions, and they all come to the same conclusion: What we're doing dudn't work. Does not work worth a damn.

So you find the most amazing people suddenly getting serious about what does work, ready to put money into addiction treatment, community-based programs for teen-agers, especially year-round sports programs and after-school programs, programs to curb domestic violence, community policing, job placement for released prisoners, etc.

Except they always get replaced by new members still convinced that what we need to



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do is git tuff on crime, more prisons, longer sentences, more crimes that call for the death penalty, etc.

Look, prisons not only do not curb crime, but as Harry Whittington says, prisons are hothouses for crime. The only thing a prison is good for is to segregate violent people from society.

For some reason, we have chosen to make this a political issue, in which we are supposed to choose between being tuff on crime and getting at the "root causes" of crime. Those concerned with "root causes" are supposed to be sissies and wimps and bleeding hearts. Those who favor more death penalty, longer sentences and more prisons are supposed to somehow be more concerned about crime. Actually, the only real issues is what works and what doesn't.

Sometimes I think Texas should be declared a national laboratory of What Doesn't Work. Take any dumb idea about how to deal with crime, and we've already tried it here and proved it doesn't work. Tougher drug laws, three-strikes-and-you're-out, more death penalty. And has our crime rate gone down in Texas? Are you feeling safer? Do you leave your doors unlocked, baba?

Texas sends more non-violent criminals to prison than any other state. We have people doing life for bad checks, for aggravated mopey and for lo-

tering with intent. The state put 17 people to death this month alone. We've got a guy doing 20 years for stealing a can of Spam. One doing 75 for taking 12 frozen turkeys (recovered still frozen—not only no damage, but no defrost).

First-offense possession of even a smidgen of marijuana used to be a two-to-life felony in this state; the only result was that nearly every high school kid in Texas smoked pot.

We have spent and are spending so much money building more prisons in this state that our schools are rotten, our social services are embarrassing, and we have no way to help kids who are clearly headed off the rails except to wait until they really screw up and then lock 'em up so they can come out meaner than rattlesnakes.

This record of Dumb is so impressive that the Congress of the United States now proposes to go and do likewise. The crime bill passed by the United States Senate makes every mistake that Texas has made and has proved to be useless in stopping crime.

Not only is this maddening, but the saddening part of it is that the bill also contains money for what President Clinton calls getting "smart" about crime, such as community policing money—the number of cops on the streets has dropped dramatically since the 1970s, in large part because 12 years of Republican administrations kept cutting federal spending on

cities. The Senate bill proposes drug treatment in prisons (our one bright spot in Texas, thanks to Gov. Ann Richards and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock) and money for programs to curb domestic violence.

But look at the disproportion in the bill: \$6.5 billion for new federal prisons; \$100 million a year for new prisons for children; and only \$75 million for youth-related activities, including substance-abuse treatment programs, after-school academic enrichment and recreation programs. So it goes through the whole bill. Fifty-two crimes will now call for the death penalty, but a really promising program to help community-development corporations provide jobs in low-income communities gets a pitance.

The bill is so complicated and long that it's hard to break down how the total of \$23 billion will get spent, but it is certainly safe to say that the enormous majority of that money will be spent in ways we know do not work, while the programs that have a chance of actually lowering the crime rate are getting cramps.

Clinton said he wanted a bill that was tough and smart. When you spend most of your available money on programs that don't work and practically nothing on those that do, you can't call it a victory for smart.

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

### NEWS OF THE WEIRD

## Judge gives sodomizer light term since victim still a virgin

By CHUCK SHEPHERD  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

In Montreal, Quebec, Judge Raymond Verreault sentenced a 37-year-old man to only 23 months in prison for a series of sexual assaults on his step-daughter, who was 9 years old when the attacks started. Verreault, a female, said the mitigating factor for the light sentence was the man had "spared the victim." Said Verreault, because the assaults had been by sodomy and not "normal" intercourse, "(the victim) retained her virginity, which seems to be a very important value in their religion (Muslim)."

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### FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE

South Korea's Samsung Electronics Co. announced in November that it had invented "Bio Television"—a TV set converting a television's ordinary electromagnetic beams into waves that have an effect similar to sunlight on plants and animals. In tests, the longevity of fish, and the freshness of flowers, increased from 50 percent to 100 percent when near the Bio TV.

In December, Rory Thompson, 57, was granted a patent for a

device permitting viewers to see a TV, or computer screen, in three dimensions. Thompson developed the device in Risdon Prison Hospital in Hobart, Australia, where he has lived for 10 years. He was declared insane following a 1984 conviction for killing his wife and flushing her body parts down a toilet.

In December, Paul Hernandez, 56, died in Miami from head injuries suffered 32 years earlier. Hernandez was part of the U.S.-backed "Bay of Pigs" invasion of Cuba in 1961 and had suffered frequent seizures since then as a result of a gunshot during an ambush by Cuban soldiers.

The Bangkok Post reported in October that several charlatan physicians had performed at least 100 bogus penis-enlargement operations recently in Thailand. The procedures involved injections containing a mixture of olive oil, chalk and various substances to provide bulk. Said a hospital official in the city of Chiang Mai, "I've even seen (victims' penises containing) bits of the Bangkok telephone directory."

In July, Detroit dermatologist Dr. Duyen Faria told Gannett News Service that his experimental project could help mil-

on Monday, or that you would be bored by inside confinement.

— "What did you think of our package of company materials?" Before the interview, some companies are sending a "care package" of its materials. Presumably, the preview of annual reports and marketing documents is designed to test the candidate's interest and attention to detail. Read the stuff. And be ready for a second telephone interview quiz. Don't say, "Uh, they're very nice." Be specific in your response.

— "How much do you know about our competitors?"

Avoid being used as an industrial spy if you work for one of the competitors. Otherwise, it's a good idea to have generally read about the competitors (in the trade press) and maybe to have visited a few. Keep your observations neutral, not negative.

— At the end of an interview: "Are there any areas or topics we haven't covered that you want to mention?"

A good answer: "I don't think we've discussed my leadership and mentoring skills."

### CAREERS

## Interview query raises questions

Asking about health not violating ADA; leisure time, researching also significant

By JOYCE LAIN KENNEDY

SUN FEATURES INC.

Dear Joyce: At a recent interview, the interviewer asked, "What do you do to stay healthy?" Isn't that an illegal question under the Americans with Disabilities Act? — M.J.

Probably not. The interviewer is presuming you are healthy, not unhealthy. A good answer is to say you exercise several times a week and cut down on fats — or engage in similar fitness and diet activities. The fact that an individual has a disability does not translate into poor health.

Apart from questions about your work experience and education, here are other contemporary questions being asked:

— "We know about your hard

skills. How would you describe your soft skills?"

Vicky Sina, Chicago careers columnist and author of "Getting Hired in the '90s," identifies 16 descriptions employers love to hear:

Positive attitude, detail-oriented, productive, flexible, creative, independent, excited, superb, quick learner, goal-oriented, leader, team player, dedicated, motivated and efficient.

— "How do you spend your leisure time?" (Translation: What kind of person are you?)

Avoid those activities that seem incompatible with the job you are seeking. Do not, as an example, emphasize your urge to spend every single minute in the Great Outdoors if you're interviewing for a sedentary desk job.

The interviewer may think you'd be dog tired by the time you dragged yourself back to work

— "Would you be willing to share travel expenses to your interview?" And, in relocation instances, "The job won't start until you're settled in our city. Can you handle your own temporary relocation costs?"

Don't split the job interview costs. Parry with another question, "The industry standard, to my understanding, calls for the employer to pay all of recruitment expenses as a cost of doing business. Is there a special reason why you aren't willing to do so?" If the employer won't budge, this isn't your job. Tight now, impossible later.

As for sharing relocation expenses, it depends on who holds the trump hand. Start from a "no," but consider exceptions when the opportunity is outstanding. In any case, get the agreement in writing if you're a new hire.

## The Information Line

### Job Tips from the Professionals

Your resume is a direct representation of you and often determines the first impression made. Avoid these resume killers to ensure a good first impression.

1) Your resume should not exceed two pages. One page will do for beginners or college students. Longer resumes will work against you.

2) Never include your photo or state your age in your resume.

3) Do not list reasons for leaving your present or past employers. This subject is handled during interviews and only when you are asked. If questioned, keep your answers brief, positive, and professional.

4) Do not write your resume based on the advice from a well-meaning friend who lacks professional resume writing experience. Use samples in resume writing books to pattern yours after or use a resume writing service. A poor resume will only produce poor results.

and rejection. See your college placement office for assistance.

5) A guaranteed resume killer is to lie and/or stretch the truth. Doing so can cost you a job, even long after you have been employed by a company.

Studies have shown that as many as 40 percent of all resumes contain gross exaggerations, misrepresentations, lies, or a combination of the three. This trend has grown over the years as the competition for the better jobs has increased. It is a serious mistake to justify lying on your resume because others are doing it successfully. If you do, you will almost always pay a price.

*Job Search Secrets*, a book by Michael Latas (head of one of the nation's leading job search firms), contains more information about resume writing and other job hunting tactics. Ask for it at your college library or bookstore. To order direct call 1-800-240-JOBS.

### HAYWORTH, from page 4

He went on to admonish *The Chart*, as if our coverage of the dismissal of a publicly elected official was the root of the problem.

The cynic in me chalks it up as being par for the course. Given the reaction of others to similar events on a large scale, it is eas-

### LANTZ, from page 4

Kids kill kids. Americans are beaten, abused, kidnapped, raped, and killed at an unheard-of rate.

So...are you really surprised at the violence in sports? Are you really shocked at the attack on Nancy Kerrigan? Maybe she should have cried, "Why not?"

Want to share your international experiences? Know of a recent graduate who has tips for the undergraduate?

Then contact *The Chart* about the Global Viewpoints and Life After Graduation columns. For more information, interested persons should contact Dyanna at Ext. 9311.

lions of Americans with wounds that do not heal quickly enough. Faria transplants foreskins from circumcised infant boys onto adult wounds instead of obtaining grafts of the adult's own skin.

In December, the Associated Press reported on research conducted by Dr. James M. Dabbs, a psychology professor at Georgia State University, to determine personality by examining hormones. Dabbs prefers using hormones found in saliva rather than in blood because it is easier to get subjects to spit. "Dr. Spit," as Dabbs is known, said he is a pioneer in the field because other researchers might view working with spit "unseemly."

In July, research entomologist Gene Lamire of Naples, Fla., set up the nation's first mosquito-trapping program that uses the tantalizing fragrance of "cow's breath" as the lure. Building on research from Africa, Lamire installed 42 traps containing the synthetic chemical Octenol, which mosquitoes readily find irresistible. Within the first month, "millions" of mosquito carcasses were found in the traps.

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LEAST COMPETENT REACTIONS TO WINTER

To thaw the frozen pipes in his house in Farmington, N.Y., in January, John Porter backed his car against an open window so the exhaust could warm the basement. Shortly afterward, Porter, his wife, and their three children were rushed to the hospital suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning.

George Gibbs, 23, suffered second and third-degree burns in Columbus, Ohio, in January. He had diagnosed his car's problem as a frozen fuel line, which he thought he could correct by running warm gasoline through it. He then tried to heat a two-gallon can of gasoline on a gas stove.

## CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
10	11	12	13	14	15	16

## Today 10

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Koinonia lunch, basement of Stegge Hall (Apt. B).  
Noon to 1 p.m.—LDSSA, BSC 313.  
Noon to 1 p.m.—Ecumenical Campus Ministries, BSC 311.  
2:15 p.m. to 3 p.m.—Alpha Epsilon Rho initiation ceremony, Webster Hall studio B of MSTV.  
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.—Oxford meeting, BSC 306.  
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.—Scholarship awards ceremony, BSC 311.  
7 p.m.—Legal Studies Club membership drive and pizza party, Webster Hall social sciences lounge.

## Tomorrow 11

9 a.m. to 10 a.m.—HIV and STD task force, BSC 306.  
7 p.m.—The Missourians, Taylor Auditorium.

## Saturday 12

6 p.m. and 8 p.m.—Lions basketball doubleheader vs. Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo.

## Sunday 13

7 p.m.—Wesley Foundation presents "Sunday Nite Live," Newman Road United Methodist Church.

## Monday 14

St. Valentine's Day  
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Academic Policies, BSC 306.  
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Greek Council, BSC 314.  
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.—Sigma Nu, BSC 313.  
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.—CAB movie, "Benny & Joon," BSC 2nd floor lounge.

## Tuesday 15

Noon to 1 p.m.—LDSSA, BSC 310.  
Noon to 1 p.m.—Newman Club, BSC 306.  
Noon to 1 p.m.—College Republicans, BSC 311.  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Phi Delta Kappa dinner, BSC 310.  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Investment Meeting, BSC 311.  
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.—CAB movie, "Benny & Joon," BSC 2nd floor lounge.  
7 p.m.—Koinonia, College Heights Christian Church.  
9 p.m.—Kappa Alpha Order, Geology Lab, Reynolds Hall.

## Wednesday 16

Ash Wednesday  
Noon to 1 p.m.—Baptist Students, BSC 311.  
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.—CAB meeting, BSC 311.  
5:30 p.m.—Student Senate, BSC 310.  
5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.—Lions basketball doubleheader vs. Missouri Western, Young.

If anyone knows of an event or activity occurring on campus or sponsored by a campus organization, call Paula at The Chart, 625-9311.

## DECISIONS, DECISIONS



GENESIS WILSON/The Chart

Albert Bland (left) and Reggie Franklin, junior communications majors, make a selection from the new video machine system which was recently installed in the cafeteria of the Billingsly Student Center.

## BILLINGSLY STUDENT CENTER

## Video system adds entertainment

**Butkiewich: 'It's a good gesture'**

By GENESIS WILSON

STAFF WRITER

Students who eat their meals in the cafeteria now have some entertainment while they dine. A video machine system was installed at the beginning of the semester.

The video machine is similar to a jukebox in that a person chooses what song/video to be played. The machine is free of charge.

There are three viewing monitors placed throughout the dining area and a screen on the machine itself.

"The video machine was offered to Southern by a company interested in getting their name known around college campuses," said Val Carlisle,

coordinator of student activities. Laser Video Network Inc. of New York is running a promotion throughout the United States aimed toward different colleges and universities.

"We started with the top colleges and universities, and Missouri Southern was near the top of the list," said Henry Nardozzi, account executive for Laser Video Network Inc.

Nardozzi said the company's idea was to help make dining experiences more enjoyable. Laser Video Network started by putting its video machines in restaurants and bars, then colleges and universities.

"I think it's a good gesture," said Ed Butkiewich, cafeteria director. "It gives the students a different atmosphere."

Southern students apparently like the device.

"They (the monitors) are a good idea—it adds some excitement to our meals," said Tara

Greer, freshman undecided major.

"I think it's cool and all, but they need a better selection," said Richard Jordan, freshman secondary education major.

"I'm glad we have it," said Garra DeLong, freshman undecided major. "It gives us something to do during dinner. We can eat and burn calories by dancing at the same time."

The machine was given to Southern free of charge on Jan. 14.

The video machine will be here about a year, and then a survey will be distributed to students for comments. New material will be provided every 30 days. Laser Video Network Inc. will deliver and install it free of charge as well.

There are 150 to 200 machines in use throughout the nation, and Laser Video Network is still adding more.

By JOHN ELLEDGE

STAFF WRITER

Once again, the Accounting Club is helping people fill out income tax forms through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

"It is free of charge to people with lower incomes and those who are elderly or disabled," said Laurie Vanderlip, junior accounting major and club president.

"We also help college students," says Dr. Jim Shaver, professor of business, "because they qualify

in the lower income group."

The group will help people with both state and federal taxes, Shaver said.

There are 32 members in the group; 28 are performing the service for the first time. Senior accounting students are coordinators of the service.

"All the people helping are accounting majors," Shaver said. "They also take an income tax course offered by the school."

The volunteers receive training from Shaver and materials from the IRS.

## PHI ETA SIGMA

## Society provides 3 scholarships

Doman anxious for members to 'get back in winners' circle'

By PAULA SMITH

CAMPUS EDITOR

Phi Eta Sigma is now in the process of awarding scholarships. One local scholarship is worth \$400. The deadline for it is tomorrow.

"The scholarship's purpose is to recognize and promote academic excellence," said Dr. Earle Doman, director of counseling

and adviser of the society. "The scholarship's purpose is to recognize and promote academic excellence."

nominated, Doman said.

He said last year was the first year since he became sponsor that Southern's chapter did not receive a national scholarship.

"So I'm anxious to get back in the winners' circle," he said.

Phi Eta Sigma also gives a "Making a World of Difference" recognition award. This is the third year for the award. Members of the society nomi-

—Dr. Earle Doman

## VITA offers tax help to Joplin area

## ?? CAMPUS QUERIES ??

What penalties will students incur if they refuse to take the senior assessment test?—c.s.



Honey Malzahn

Anyone who does not take it will be reported to academic affairs," said Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research. Dr. Ray Malzahn, interim vice president for academic affairs, said although most students have been good about taking the test and others who have "had cogent reasons why they couldn't participate" have been excused, he said "student participation is a requirement. Therefore, should refusal become a problem, the College could, for example, place a hold on official transcripts." However, Malzahn adds that the Board of Regents has never had to take measures on this issue.

Have a question about the Missouri Southern campus or College procedures? Send it to P.J. Graham, The Chart, 333 Webster Hall, call 625-9311, or fax it to 625-9742.

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# SIGHTS, SOUNDS, and so on...

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Spiva Arts Center  
623-0833  
Midwest Landscapes  
by Adolph Dehn  
Feb. 20-March 20.

## JOPLIN

The Bypass  
624-9095  
Tomorrow—Subterraneans  
Saturday—The Victors and The Missionaries  
Champs  
782-4944

## CARTHAGE

Stone's Throw Dinner  
Theatre  
358-9665  
Love Letters  
Feb. 10-13  
All tickets \$14

## SPRINGFIELD

Hammons Hall  
417-862-3433  
March 24—Springfield  
Ballet—Romeo and Juliet  
Regency  
47-862-270  
Tonight—Pale Divine—  
Final Show!  
Tomorrow—Walking on  
Einstein  
Saturday—Suave Octo-  
pus.

## COLUMBIA

The Blue Note  
344-874-1944  
Tomorrow—Naked Souls  
opening for Tenderloin.  
Saturday—Unrest,  
Versus, and Waterworks.  
March 1—Cracker with  
Counting Crows.

## KANSAS CITY

Crown Center  
816-274-8444  
The Buffalo Soldier  
Exhibit—Feb. 12-27.  
Blaney's Downunder  
Westport  
816-561-3747  
Tomorrow and Saturday—  
BWB.  
Grand Emporium  
816-534-5004  
Tomorrow—Kerry Lee  
and the Blue Devils.  
Saturday—Tenderloin  
and the Saddlemen.  
Kemper Arena  
816-931-3330  
April 5—Rush with Primus  
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## ST. LOUIS

Mississippi Nights  
344-421-3853  
Tomorrow—Nick  
Haywood

Saturday—The Wonder  
Stuff.

Kennedy's  
344-421-3655

Tomorrow—Stone  
Forest

Saturday—Cindy Burnett,  
Vitamin A, and Zero Icon.  
Fox Theatre  
344-534-1111

Feb. 26—Jackson Browne  
March 1-6 The Who's  
Tommy.

## TULSA

Uncle Bentley's  
986-664-6967  
Tomorrow—Steven  
Hero  
Saturday—American Grey  
Performing Arts Center  
987-747-9494  
American Theatre Co.—  
"One Mo Time" musical  
through Saturday.  
Philbrook Museum of Art  
987-748-5316  
Opera Series presents—  
Rigoletto.

## FAYETTEVILLE

Rivercity  
501-521-3655  
Tonight—Bee  
Tomorrow and Saturday—  
Pumpkinhead.

## MUSIC SCENE

# Carnes begins dream

By WILLIAM GRUBBS

STAFF WRITER

The next time you think Joplin is not the place to start your dream, talk to Shawn Carnes.

Carnes, a former Missouri Southern student from Carthage, is one of four male vocalists chosen as finalists for a national new artist competition sponsored by Embassy Music.

"I'm going with my dream," Carnes said. "Everything kind of happened so fast."

Carnes, 26, started singing while working at the Precious Moments Chapel. He signed a two year contract with the establishment and had been singing in a group for the past two years when he decided to pursue his dream.

"You can't start professional as a beginner," he said. "You've got to start somewhere."

**“I praise God that everything has happened to me at such a young age. Whatever you do, God's going to have His hand over you, no matter what.”**

—Shawn Carnes

Carnes believes God has been the source behind his success.

"I praise God that everything has happened to me at such a young age," he said.

"Whatever you do, God's going to have His hand over you, no matter what."

Carnes said there is a possibility

## REACHING FOR THE STARS



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Shawn Carnes, former Missouri Southern student, performs a gospel favorite in preparation for an upcoming competition.

ity he will get a recording contract.

"There are a couple of labels

singing career, but says it is going to be difficult.

Carnes realizes that the road that lies ahead is not always paved with gold, especially in the recording business.

"There's a lot of hard work," he said. "I'll be on the road a lot."

Carnes has a deep commitment to contemporary Christian music and is unsure of the secular music world.

"If the opportunity comes up for me to go mainstream, I possibly might do that," he said, "but my roots will still be in contemporary Christian music."

Goals have always been important to Carnes.

"My biggest goal is to just try to make as much of a difference as I can."

that are interested that I'm going to talk to," he said, "but I'm going to take my time and not go into anything too hastily. If a record company decides to sign me, I'm not going to just do it right away, I'm going to shop around."

He is excited about his future

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Jaros said much of the action takes place in Kansas and Nebraska.

Jaros, costume designer for the show, said the costumes for the musical will have "a realistic cut in the fabric" and will be designed using the same color scheme of the period.

Fields said the production will incorporate piano, guitar, and fiddle music.

"It will have square dances and music appropriate to the period," he said. "It will have lots of hymns in the show."

"A lot of the scenes are based on their strong faith in God, and the music reflects that faith."

The story line of the production will include the hardships of moving west, living in dugouts underground, children being continuously born, fires, and death.

"It gives testimony to the strength of the women who helped form our country," Fields said. "It is a laid-back, down-home type of show, and is good for the entire family."

While the original production only cast women for all of the roles, Fields decided to include four men. He said he chose to include the men rather than have women portray the few male roles.

Those men cast are Brandon Davidson, freshman theatre major; Grant Miller, freshman theatre major; Colby Rickard, senior criminal justice major; and Lawrence Alford, senior theatre major.

The cast will begin rehearsals on Sunday and will perform the musical April 13-16.

## SOUTHERN THEATRE

# Rehearsals start for spring play

By KAYLEA HUTSON

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Music and history will be focus of an upcoming Southern Theatre production.

In April the theatre department will present *Quilters*, a musical set in the 1850s which examines the lives of pioneer women and their move west.

"Most history deals with frontier men and how everywhere they went they drew maps," said Dr. Jay Fields, theatre department head. *Quilters* is about the women and the quilts they sewed were their maps.

"Both [the maps and quilts] gave you a history of the time."

*Quilters* is based on the book by Patricia Cooper and Norma Bradley Allen.

The play features a mother, played by Gerrie-Ellen Johnston, her six daughters, and their lives on the frontier. The daughters are played by Bethany Bycroft, freshman theatre major; Nikki Kellison, sophomore secondary education speech and drama major; Rebecca Richmond, sophomore elementary education music major; Margaret Becker, sophomore theatre major; Deidra Craven, senior theatre major; and Lisa Olliges, from Pittsburg, Kan.

"It's an all-women production, written by women, and about women," said Anne Jaros, assistant professor of theatre. "It shows the strength in the pioneer women from their quilts."

"They tell the stories through their quilts."

The whole production is based on 16 quilt blocks. For each seg-

## MISSOURI SOUTHERN INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION

# Honors audition highlights young pianists

Performers might get opportunity to play before international panel

By ERIN HOLLAND

ARTS EDITOR

local pianists were being defeated by internationally known pianists.

"It became apparent that the high level of piano competition by world-class pianists would force out direct competition by local students," said Gloria Jardon, chair of the honors audition.

"I wanted to find a way to allow our serious students an opportunity to get more deeply involved."

Pianists 18 and under who live in the four-state area are invited to the honors audition. Prior to this year's honors audi-

tion, the event was open only to students within 100 miles of Joplin.

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Last year one of the students was treated to a free hour lesson by a judge.

"The students have many opportunities to meet the competitors and the judges," Jardon said.

"It was truly one of the most important weeks of my life," said Shane Spangler, a winner from the 1992 event. "The experience has been invaluable."

At the gala concert, the winners are acknowledged as a group, and each is applauded individually.

"The performers learn valuable lessons," Jardon said. "The audience may also pick up good pointers for their own playing."

The fifth MSIPC will be held April 19-23.

## NOW SHOWING

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My Father The Hero-PG

Schindler's List-R

Grumpy Old Men-PG-13

Tombstone-R

Philadelphia-PG-13

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15th & Rangeline

For Love Or Money-PG

Cool Runnings-PG

Geronimo-PG-13

Joy Luck Club-R

Beverly Hillbillies-PG

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Northpark Mall

Intersection-R

Mrs. Doubtfire-PG-13

Crown Cinema

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Sears Plaza Mall

Ace Ventura-PG-13

Blink-R

I'll Do Anything-PG-13

Iron Will-PG

## JASPER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

**System catches people who owe**

By HEIDI WEAVER

STAFF WRITER

Modern computer technology is pushing its way into Missouri's court system—and it's starting here in Jasper County.

Jasper County Associate Circuit Judge M. Keithley Williams has designed this system to keep track of the pending docket and perform statistical reports for the state of Missouri.

"The docket is designed for criminal and civil cases," said Linda Beavers, circuit court intern. "These dockets are any cases that are currently open."

This system has been in effect since January and is the only fully computerized court in southwest Missouri.

"There are only about four or five systems similar to this in the state," said Beavers, a senior communications major at Missouri Southern.

The associate division of the circuit court in Carthage has implemented the system as a time-saving technique.

"This system eliminates hav-

ing to flip through files," Beavers said. "It also eliminates duplicating services and makes everything run a lot smoother."

The docket also has been used to discover fines that might have been overlooked.

"In an instant we can tell if a person has outstanding warrants or owes money for fines and costs," Williams said.

All court records show up on the computer. The defendant's name is keyed into the computer, and his or her file appears on the screen.

"This system has made hundreds of dollars [in fines] already," Beavers said. "It catches people who owe fines because all records appear directly on the screen."

Cases are entered into the computer before the court appearance to save time.

"This system makes it a lot easier to track cases in terms of time," said Blake Wolf, assistant professor of criminal justice at Missouri Southern. "It is an excellent system that ensures cases will be heard in a timely fashion."

**PARTY HEARTY**

JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Blake Webster, bass player for The Missionaries, entertains the crowd at The Bypass Sunday. The party celebrated the fifth anniversary of the opening of the Stick-it-in-Your-Ear music stores. Approximately 350 people listened as three local bands showcased their talents.

**JOPLIN JOB SERVICE****Williams assumes position****New chairman seeks to pair students, jobs**

By JIM BLOBAUM

CHART REPORTER

One College official is using his experience at Missouri Southern to advise the Joplin Job Service.

Dr. Jerry Williams, director of continuing education at Southern, was elected chairman of the Job Service Employer Committee (JSEC), an overseeing board for the Missouri Division of Employment Security, or Joplin Job Service.

Williams said he thinks he can better contribute to the community and the College in this position.

"We need to get schools and employers together with the Job Service to better prepare our youngsters for the job market," he said.

A number of factors may have led to Williams' nomination to leadership of the committee.

"The board already consisted of employers and people from Job Service," Williams said. "I think they brought me in to add an education element, and possibly for my experiences with the Private Industry Council (PIC)."

"It is really my function to simply coordinate the duties of the committee and Mr. Lou Kelly, the Job Service director in our area."

Williams has been with the PIC for the last three years, most recently as vice chairman.

"The PIC is mostly for the disabled or the disadvantaged, but Job Service is for everyone," he said.

"Job Service is probably the major contact for anyone who wants to be employed."

Williams said his plans for the JSEC include a meeting next Thursday between local high school counselors, major area employers, and Job Service representatives.

He wants to bring these principal ingredients more closely together to better educate young people in the basic skills they need to function in today's job market.

"We want to produce materials that will enrich the existing high school curriculum," Williams said.

"We want to teach students how to get a job."

Some plans include making video tapes to show high school students the proper way to interview for a job or even fill out a job application.

This is not the first time Job Service has strived to bring education and industry together.

"We've looked at a Tennessee model and modified it for Missouri," Williams said.

The Tennessee model, called First Step, has been in operation for two years and has proven quite successful, he said.

**U.S. SENATE****Ashcroft pitches hat in ring**

By JOHN HACKER

SENIOR EDITOR

Campaign '94 shifted into gear for former Missouri Gov. John Ashcroft in his quest to succeed retiring Sen. John Danforth (R-Mo.).

Ashcroft appeared at the Joplin Holiday Inn Monday to announce his candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat which has been held by Danforth for 18 years.

Former Congressman Gene Taylor introduced Ashcroft to a crowd of approximately 50 supporters and journalists. Taylor told the gathering that Ashcroft "didn't intend to sleep till it was over."

Ashcroft said his top priority if he gets to Washington is congressional reform.

"I will vote only for programs and laws that apply both to the people and to Congress," he said. "We need a government

that earns the trust of the American people, not acts as if it were entitled to it."

In an effort to make Congress more receptive to the people, Ashcroft proposes to allow states and citizens to initiate constitutional amendments. That power currently rests only with Congress.

"Let's face it, we can't count on Congress to propose amendments for a balanced budget, or term limits, or the line-item veto," he said. "We must develop a way for people and the states to propose amendments for congressional reform, because we can't trust Congress to reform itself."

Ashcroft also addressed the ballooning federal deficit.

"We must stop recklessly spending the yet unearned wages of your generation," he said. "We must resist the temptation to go along with barrels full of political pork merely because there is some scrap in it for our state. What is not right for America is probably not right for Missouri."

Ashcroft also vowed to work to protect America from "an invasion of violent crime."

One way to crack down on crime is to build more prisons and force prisoners to serve more of their sentences, the candidate said.

"Prison works," Ashcroft said. "People who are behind bars are not around the corner ready to rob you, rape you, mug you, or murder you."

Ashcroft called those who support the so-called "three strikes and you're out" crime legislation "generous."

"I think we need to get tough on repeat offenders, not three-peat offenders," he said.

Ashcroft said he liked his chances despite the tough times for Missouri Republicans in the 1992 statewide elections.

"In 1993 there were nine democratic seats up for special election, and we took six of them," he said. "Six out of nine in enemy territory is not too bad. I think it shows that the Republican Party is back."

**Sky High Castle brings a bit of England to Joplin**

By JENNIFER SEXTON

STAFF WRITER

Majestically looming high above Shoal Creek, the Redings Mills Sky High Castle has long been surrounded by legend and mystery.

Built on solid chert cliffs, the 67-year-old castle, owned by Jim and Gladys Moody, can be seen from the streets of Redings Mill.

"It (the castle) was built by Thomas Comerford, a Joplin plumber, in 1927," said the Moodys' son, Terry Moody.

"Tom [Comerford] traveled to England in the 1920s. He took an interest in the design of castles and wanted to use the design here."

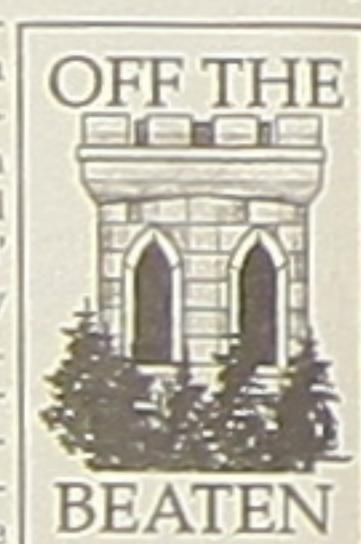
After hiring \$1-a-day laborers,

Comerford began building his own castle out of stone overlooking miles of countryside.

Construction costs totaled \$50,000.

Legend has it that the castle originally was intended for Comerford's bride.

"Apparently there was a bride in mind, but they never married," Moody said. "He finished the castle and moved in. There was a niece who lived with Tom; I believe she had an influence in the design and lay out."



Inside the two-level, nine-room castle, copper fan lights, cedar shingled walls, broad-axe hewn ceiling beams, and a spiral staircase lend character to this unique home. Since the initial construction of the castle, the house has been passed down through five families.

Myron McIntosh, a retired Joplin Realtor, occupied the monarchical-style structure after purchasing it as a surprise gift for his wife, Mary, in 1953.

"He kept the gates to the house closed to discourage visitors," Moody said. "He liked his privacy and kept guard dogs around the place."

Before the castle was opened for public viewing in 1988, curious onlookers made up legends about the house.

"I have been asked a lot if there are any ghosts in the castle," Moody said. "And many times I have been asked if the castle was a nudist colony. There was one a ways down the road, but the castle never was."

Concerns over liability insurance on the aged structure caused the tours to end prematurely. As of now, there are no plans to open the castle in the future.

"We keep the gates closed now," Moody said. "People were coming in and turning around to get a glimpse of the castle. We don't mean to keep people away; it's just for safety reasons."

The Moodys purchased the castle in February 1988 for an undisclosed amount.

"My brother and I wished our parents could have something more than just an average house," Moody said. "Rick (his brother) was the real investigator."

Rick, then a real estate agent in California, saw the house several years before the Moodys purchased it. He kept checking to see if it was for sale. When the house went on the market, he talked his parents into buying it.

"I moved back to the area to help refurbish the castle," Terry Moody said. "The house is certainly out of the ordinary. I think my parents are very much at home [in the castle]. They like having their boys close to home. It is sort of the family hillside."

The house and grounds required extensive work before they were livable. The front yard was hindered with brush, and the driveways were in need of repair.

"We hired a college student, Matt McCormick," Moody said. "He learned to lay rock and clear brush. He helped so much around here."

After graduating from Missouri Southern, McCormick moved away to graduate school. His absence was felt.

"After he left, we kept asking Matt, where are you?"

The castle houses several unique features, including 18-inch-thick rock walls, red wood siding on the interior walls, antique bronze fans with retractable blades, and exposed

beams which were hand hewn with a broad axe.

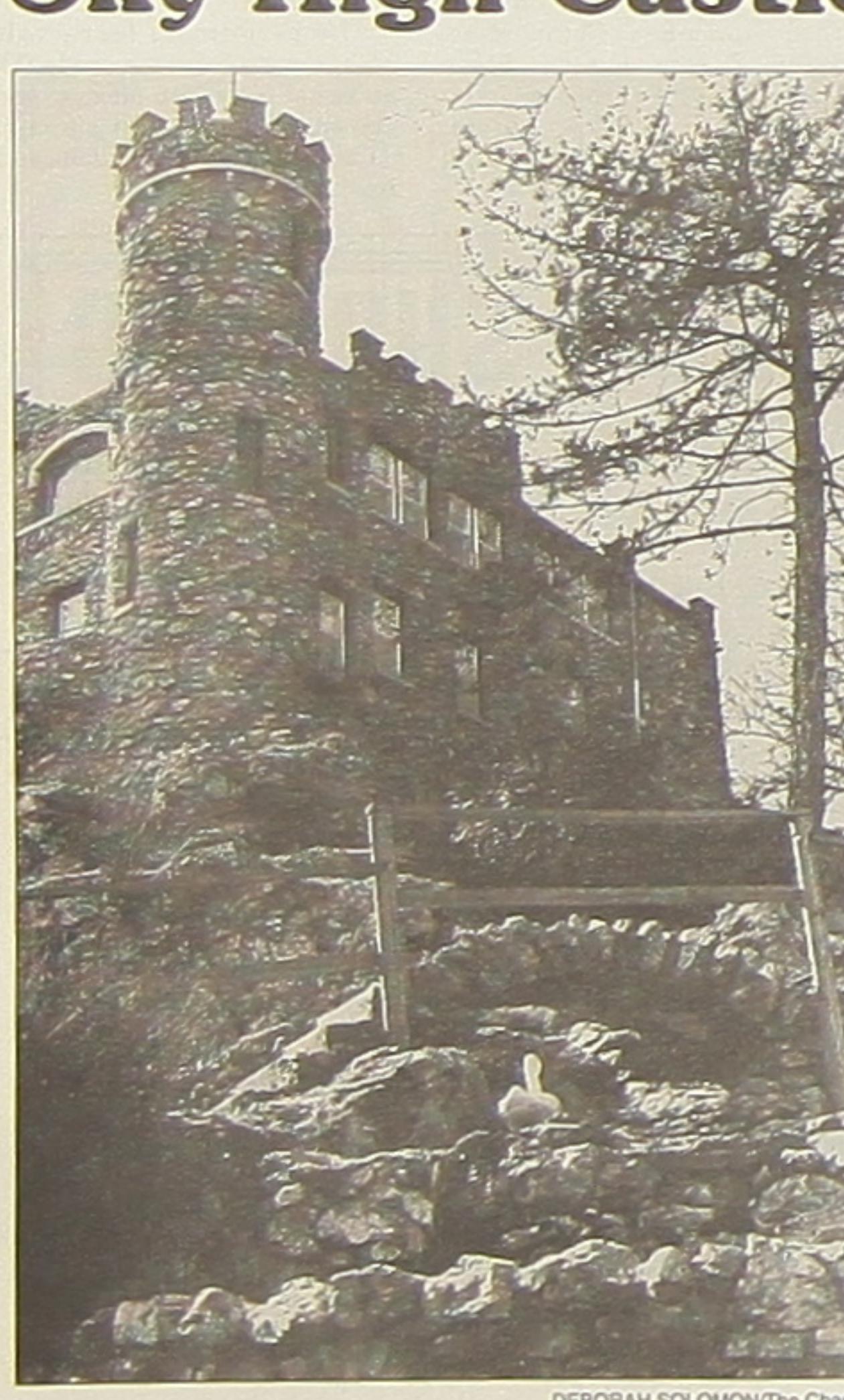
"People hear we have 60-65 rooms and that the castle is gigantic," Moody said. "We really only have three bedrooms. The house has a big living room that is 40 feet across with wood-beamed, hand-wrought ceilings. The beautiful fans date from the 1930s."

The original driveway, built for Model-Ts, leads to the base of 139 steps to the front door. The east side of the castle grounds has a series of rock-walled terraces, which include a rock bridge and fish ponds. The turret, or tower, surrounds a spiral staircase and is paneled with cedar-shake shingles, applied by McIntosh. Handmade, medieval-looking black hinges are on the original outer door of the tower.

On the hilltop beyond the house, an old swimming pool waits to be filled. Horse stables have been converted into a darkroom for Terry Moody.

Terry, a graphic artist, lives in the servants' quarters next to the main house. He and his father converted the servants' quarters into a bi-level studio, complete with a loft overlooking a cathedral ceiling.

"The castle is full of very-precious memories for us," Moody said. "There is a quiet beauty, a fantastic beauty, up here that is very unusual for the Joplin area."



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

The 67-year-old Sky High Castle sits on the chert cliffs over looking Shoal Creek. It was built by Thomas Comerford of Joplin for \$50,000.

## HOUSE BILL 1622

# Carnahan, Griffin unveil health care plan

MOHAP would cover many uninsured, eliminate preexisting condition waivers

By T.R. HANRAHAN

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Extending health care to nearly 600,000 uninsured Missourians is the goal of a plan unveiled Tuesday.

The plight of Missouri's uninsured reminded House Speaker Bob Griffin of an anecdote.

"There's the story about the meteorologist and the minister who play golf together," Griffin said in introducing the plan. "On one particular weekend, just as they began to play, a thunderstorm started. With no

relief in sight, the minister turned to the meteorologist and said: 'You'd think between the two of us we could do something.'

"The fact is we can do something," Griffin said. "The difference is we are not dealing with something as uncontrollable as the weather."

His remarks began the first comprehensive health care initiative of the 1994 session of the General Assembly. Griffin joined Gov. Mel Carnahan and a host of state officials in introducing House Bill 1622, titled

the Missouri Health Assurance Plan (MOHAP).

Griffin and Carnahan said the plan will bring many of the nearly 600,000 Missourians without coverage under the health-care umbrella.

"MOHAP ensures that all Missourians can obtain and keep insurance through the use of such insurance market reforms as open enrollments, community-based ratings, standard benefit plans, and the acceptance of preexisting conditions," Griffin said.

Griffin said MOHAP would keep costs down because participants would be members of a geographic-based group including more healthy participants than current plans. Additional

cost-cutting measures include: establishment of uniform billing practices, an emphasis on entering the system in good health for primary and preventive care, and the offering of standard packages with equal features.

Carnahan, who said the health care crisis is real, related the story of a young Kansas City woman.

"A young woman, working—not on welfare—earning about \$22,000 was suffering from a preexisting condition," Carnahan said. "After she was canceled by her own insurance, she joined the Missouri Health Insurance Pool, a program created for people like her."

"But she found her rates continually increasing—from \$275

per month to \$315, and from the fall of 1993 she realized two more increases, until her rate was up to \$368 per month. The worst is that she was not covered by that preexisting condition."

Griffin also employed anecdotal references in his remarks, but these stories didn't answer the questions of some lawmakers.

"There are still a lot of unanswered questions," Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) said. "It is hard to say anything about this until you see specifics. They say they want some to sacrifice, but how much sacrifice?

"Does that mean 4.9 million Missourians will have to pay for those who are not covered?"

## HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

### SMSU initiates new scholarship

The president of the Board of Regents at Southwest Missouri State University has established a scholarship fund to assist African-American students who want to attend the university.

"We hope this scholarship fund will help meet two specific goals," said Jim Ferguson, who provided an initial gift of \$10,000. "First, this scholarship will allow more African-American students to attend SMSU and obtain a college degree. And second, these scholarships will enable SMSU to meet its goal of becoming more culturally diverse."

As an added incentive, students who complete their academic program and receive their degrees within four consecutive calendar years or less will automatically receive a \$1,000 graduation award.

Ferguson said he does not intend for the scholarship monies to be used to recruit students for SMSU athletic teams. First preference for the scholarships will be given to students from Springfield high schools, followed by Greene and Christian County high schools, then high schools in the remainder of the 24-county area, and, finally, statewide.

The scholarships will be automatically renewed for five years provided the students make satisfactory academic progress.

### SEMO faces second lawsuit

A Southeast Missouri State University employee is suing the institution in federal court because he said his civil rights were violated.

George Smith, a university journeyman, claims SEMO discriminated against him because of his race. Smith, an African-American, is seeking \$1.5 million in damages.

According to Smith's court-appointed attorney, the incident occurred when Smith attempted to take some educational courses that would have enhanced his job performance. The university allegedly prohibited Smith from taking the classes, but allowed one or two of his white co-workers to take them.

Earlier, an assistant professor of English at SEMO announced that he had filed a \$2.5 million lawsuit against the university.

### Students pilfer Webster paper

Between 900 and 1,200 copies of the student newspaper at Webster University in St. Louis were stolen Jan. 28 by friends of a freshman who had been expelled from the residence halls.

Two men, ages 18 and 20, from Carbondale, Ill., who admitted stealing several copies of the *Journal* to take home, were not charged with a criminal act but were barred from returning to the campus.

The freshman was expelled from the residence halls after making a videotape of himself and a woman copulating in his room without obtaining her permission.

### Mizzou board approves hike in tuition, fees

The University of Missouri board of curators has approved tuition and fee increases of nearly 11 percent for the 1994-95 school year.

Tuition and fees for undergraduates will increase 10.9 percent to \$101 a credit hour. For out-of-state residents, the cost will go up 10.8 percent to \$301.90.

Graduate students will pay \$127.80 per credit hour, while non-resident graduate students will see a 13 percent increase to \$373 a credit hour.

In other action, the curators approved a proposal to merge the nursing programs at the Missouri-St. Louis and Barnes College. The new college will be the largest nursing school at a public university in the state.

MPCA

# Governor pushes tough crime bills

## Carnahan calls for new jail space

By T.R. HANRAHAN

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Tough talk on violent crime is what Gov. Mel Carnahan delivered to a luncheon meeting of the Missouri Police Chiefs' Association yesterday.

"There is nothing short of natural disasters like the flood that shakes a community more than violent crime," Carnahan said. "More and more of our citizens—particularly children—are dying of that violence."

"A very sad part of that is that the death of these young people is signifying the death of our future."

In order to combat that violence, Carnahan proposed a "major case unit" to provide investigative, forensic, and technical assistance to state law enforcement agencies.

"This unit would put more advanced crime-fighting technologies and expertise at your fingertips," he said. "The Missouri Major Case Unit would be a cooperative resource available to respond when requested by sheriffs and chiefs of police."

Carnahan said such moves are being demanded by the public.

"There is a cry crying out from our communities, and it is a cry for help," he said. "It doesn't matter what form of media you listen to, the story comes

through and crime is the No. 1 concern."

The police chiefs, he said, can make a difference.

"Your jobs place your fingers on the pulse of the public," Carnahan said. "I urge you to communicate what you are hearing."

"Not only at home, but here. Because when there are changes—when there are elevations of concern—we need to hear from you."

Carnahan also reiterated the need for other crime reforms.

"As you know, I have proposed legislation to stop the revolving door for chronic, violent offenders by eliminating any possibility of parole," he said. "I'm also calling for tougher sentences for those who commit crimes with guns."

Juvenile criminals are among those Carnahan seeks to address with legislation.

"We are going to hold them accountable for what they do—even if they are juveniles under our present code," he said. "In our largest cities, we are witnessing children armed with weapons—guns in schools—something a few years ago we could not have imagined would be possible."

The tougher crime laws will mean a greater need for prison space, Carnahan said.

## TALKING THE TALK



T.R. HANRAHAN/The Chart

Gov. Mel Carnahan addresses the Missouri Police Chiefs' Association yesterday. Carnahan told the assembled law enforcement officials that Missourians are crying for help in the war on violent crimes.

## A SUNDAY STROLL



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Harry Clanton and his brother Bob Clanton both of Wentworth exercise their team on a road south of town. The Clantons are both members of clubs that reenact the historic cattle drives of the late 1800s.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

### Singleton proposes standardized training

Police training and standardization continue to occupy the interest of Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca).

Yesterday, Singleton presented two bills to the Senate civil and criminal jurisprudence committee. Both Senate Bills 645 and 646 concern issues relevant to Missouri's peace officers.

SB 645 would establish minimum standards of training and provide for continuing education.

SB 646 provides that the Peace Officers Standards and Training

Commission (POST) shall develop model standards designed to increase effectiveness and efficiency of law enforcement agencies, promote increased cooperation and coordination among agencies, and ensure proper training.

Terry Knowles, Missouri's director of public safety, said SB 645 would allow for uniformity in standards.

"At present there are six different levels of certification," he said. "They vary anywhere from zero to 1,000 hours."

## HOW DID THEY VOTE?

The votes of Missouri Southern-area legislators on the proposed constitutional amendment permitting riverboat gambling:

YES

X

NO

X

Rep. Gary Burton (R-Carl Junction)

Rep. George Kelly (D-Neosho)

Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin)

Rep. T. Mark Elliott (R-Webb City)

Rep. Martin (Bubs) Hohulin (R-Lamar)

Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca)

Sen. Emory Melton (R-Cassville)

Source: HOUSE JOURNAL/SENATE JOURNAL

## LADY LIONS

## Southern heads for Lincoln

By CHAD HAYWORTH

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Scott Ballard's Lady Lions play the last of a three-game road swing Saturday when they travel to Lincoln University.

"Lincoln is a difficult place to get excited about playing at," he said. "It's not a very nice facility, and it is usually pretty empty."

In addition, Ballard said, the Tigerettes have been tough at home despite their residency at the bottom of the MIAA standings.

"They've played the last two at home very tough," he said. "They held Pittsburg State to 18 points in the first half and Southwest Baptist to 22."

"They ended up losing both games, but they are playing much better."

The Lady Lions, 16-3 and 9-2 in the MIAA, defeated LU 71-34 in December in Joplin.

"We played them a long, long time ago," Ballard said. "They have started using a diamond press and trying to use more of their athletic ability."

Tuesday, the Lady Lions dropped SBU in Bolivar, 58-52. Junior guard Sonya Harlin

## LOOKING TO DISH



CHAD HAYWORTH/The Chart

Sophomore guard Melissa Grider eyes the Southwest Baptist University defense during Tuesday night's 58-52 Lady Lion victory. Grider had seven points and eight assists in 24 minutes for Southern.

scored 18 to lead Southern, who trailed by four at the half.

"We came out and played very flat in the first half," Ballard said. "After the big win at PSU Saturday we only had one day to prepare for them."

The Lady Lions shot 31 percent from the floor in the first half, including 0-8 from three point range.

"It wasn't pretty, but we got it done in the second half," Ballard said. "They couldn't capitalize on our errors, and we seemed to come to life."

Sophomore guard Melissa Grider contributed seven points and eight assists in 24 minutes.

"It hurt us when Grider and Harlan warmed up from outside," SBU Coach Kip Drown

said. "They did what they had to do to win tonight. We got beat by a very good basketball team."

Last Saturday, Southern dropped PSU 91-81 in Pittsburg. The win was Ballard's first on the road against the Gorillas.

"If you had told me we would give up 81 points to Pitt State and still win, I wouldn't have believed it," Ballard said.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Road-weary Lions fall to SBU, 90-79

Southern looks for win at 0-10 Lincoln

By TONY JACKSON

STAFF WRITER

Robert Corn's Missouri Southern Lions face two opponents Saturday in Jefferson City: the Lincoln University Blue Tigers, and an even more formidable opponent, the time factor.

Southern's playoff aspirations dimmed Tuesday night in Bolivar in a 90-79 loss to Southwest Baptist University. The defeat drops the Lions to 10-11 overall and 4-7 in the MIAA.

Corn's bunch scraped and battled the Bearcats throughout the game, drawing within 79-78 with 44 seconds remaining following a Dirk Price three-point er.

A quick foul on the ensuing inbounds and a hurried 3-point attempt led to SBU free throws and the eventual late game cushion.

"They made their foul shots down the stretch," Corn said. "We were down one with 40 seconds, and they stepped up and hit the free throws."

Southern displayed solid offensive execution, but was riddled

by second- and third-shot opportunities created by the tenacious offensive rebounding efforts of the Bearcats.

The loss keeps the Lions winless on the road in MIAA play.

"The offensive boards killed us," Corn said. "You can't afford to give a team two and three opportunities and expect to win."

Southwest's inside tandem of center Brian Kueter (14 points, 11 rebounds) and Chris Wilson (18 points, 11 rebounds) led the Bearcats' rebounding foray, which benefited from the absence of Chris Tucker, who sat out a large portion of the first half with foul trouble.

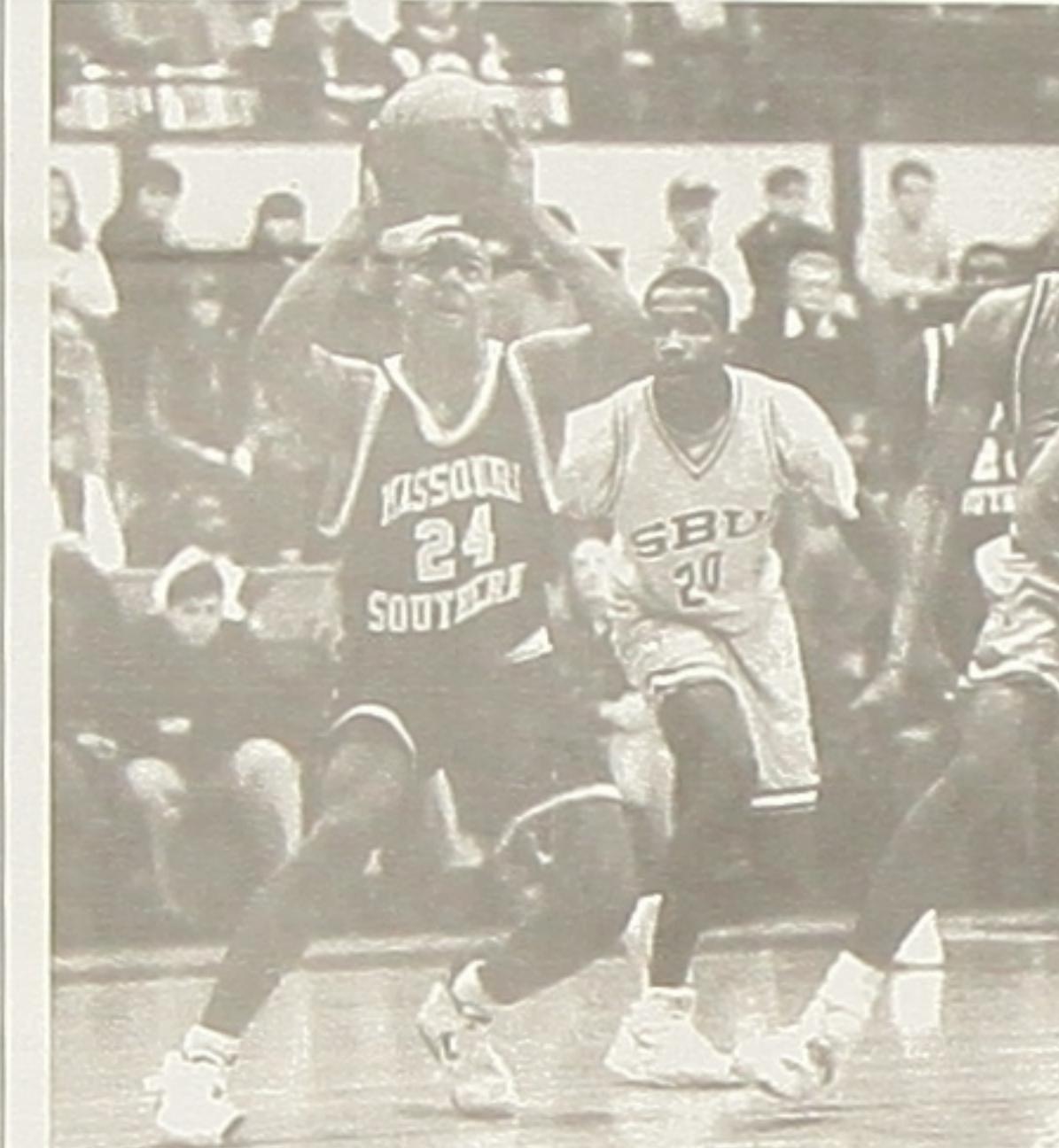
With Southern down 38-33 at the half, Tucker led the Lion comeback with a game-high 19 points, including 11 in the second half.

Ray Morris contributed 15 strong points before going down with an ankle injury.

"Tucker was much more active in the second half," Corn said. "And Ray Morris in the past five to six contests has elevated his overall game."

Baptist's leading scorer, forward Phillip Brazile, was held

## THE EYES HAVE IT



CHAD HAYWORTH/The Chart

Lion guard Ray Morris, a junior, looks to shoot during Tuesday's 90-79 loss at SBU. Morris hurt his ankle in the second half.

in check for most of the game. He finished with 17 points, including three late free throws to help seal Southern's fate.

Despite the loss, freshman Greg Ray had another encouraging outing, finishing with eight points.

Junior forward Terrance Sisson had four first-half points, but did not dress out for the second half. Neither Sisson nor Corn had any comment.

Corn did say he and Sisson would meet today to discuss the incident.

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## Swami Says...



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This week's picks:

1. Arizona v. California
2. Louisville v. Tulane
3. Oklahoma State v. Missouri
4. Cincinnati v. St. Louis
5. Lady Lions v. Mo. Western

Underlined games indicate picks

## INTRAMURALS

## Basketball Results

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## Winter Olympic nations

Countries that are expected to send teams to compete in the 1994 Lillehammer Games:



'Chart' sports... all this and good looks, too.

## TRACK AND FIELD

## Alvarez

## tosses

## her way

## into 2nd

By P.J. GRAHAM

MANAGING EDITOR

Tisha Alvarez, sophomore track and field competitor, highlighted the Missouri Southern teams' performance last weekend at the Kansas University Invitational.

Alvarez placed second in both the shotput and the weight throw with a NCAA provisional qualifying throw of 42-0 1/2 and a 31-11, respectively.

The invitational gave Alvarez a new experience.

"She tried the [25-pound] weight throw for the first time," said Tom Rutledge, head coach of the track and field teams.

Alvarez had not even been able to practice the event since Southern does not have the correct equipment.

"She just watched the others do it and just went in and did it—and got second out of 12 athletes. It's just a good competitive nature to be able to do that," he said.

Rutledge said track and field are trying to even the number of events between men and women and expanding into the weight throw is a part of this.

"We kind of tapped in and are teaching our female thrower," he said.

Sophomore Paul Baker ran 1:57.0 in the 800 meter race to get second place.

The medley relay team, consisting of Jason Riddle, Aaron Zerbonia, Higinio Covarrubias, and Jamie Nofsinger, also placed second with a time of 10:20.69.

Riddle also took the fifth place in the 5,000 event (15:24) and Jason Ramsey was a runner-up in 600-yard race with a time of 1:12.17.

Scott Tarnowiecki, a junior who ran 23.05 in the 200 event, is another runner Rutledge is expecting good things from.

"He's improving; getting back into it," he said. "We've got to get his jumping back down."

Rutledge said the few days of warmer weather helped some what for practicing the runners.

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## SPORTS COLUMN



DAVID BURNETT

I'm really out of my element

Last week as I shivered across campus in the cold, watched an ice skating drama unfold on T.V., and sipped warm tea, I came to the realization that I was completely out of my element.

Something about the combination of cold weather, not being able to wear shorts (unless you're from Minnesota), and having no baseball to watch, made me feel out of place.

I don't live through winter but rather just survive until spring comes.

I feel like Steve Martin must have felt in the movie "The Jerk". I just don't fit in.

In the past I have blamed my seasonal temperment on old man winter.

But this year I stepped back and reevaluated what really does make me happy.

Although there are many facets of my life I enjoy they all seem to be touched in some degree by baseball.

Everyone has their element; coaches, athletes, and fans. It's the atmosphere where you feel in place and don't ever want to leave.

When you catch yourself relishing in a moment of enjoyment or accomplishment, you have found your element.

A basketball coach might hesitate a few moments before turning out the lights in the gym.

A football player might not even hear the crowd roar after he scores a touchdown.

A baseball fan might adjust his sunglasses, order a hotdog, squeeze his girlfriends hand while getting ready to watch his favorite player at bat, all without noticing the baby crying two rows back.

Memory is a vivid function, and one I would not like to ever be without.

The afternoon with my dad at Royals stadium, when I was seven-years-old and a batting practice foul ball hit his leg while we weren't watching will never be forgotten. I still have the ball.

The trips to Royals Stadium with friends and past girlfriends in high school.

The cookouts behind the outfield fence at Joe Becker with my Kappa Alpha fraternity brothers.

All of these fond memories were in my element, baseball.

But here I am in the dead of winter, cold, frustrated, and tired of staying inside.

Memories are again getting me through the winter, but thoughts of a new baseball season have my blood beginning to flow again.

Some of you might not be able to relate to baseball, but for me it has been a common strand that has woven its way through every aspect of my life.

Baseball can speak words that lack between a father and son.

Baseball can connect you with the friends you know you'll have for life.

Baseball can be the backdrop for a fun filled trip with your girlfriend.

Baseball is my element, and I can't wait for it to get here again.

David Burnett